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Attn: [ ]  
FROM Chief of Base, Munich

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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/GRARB  
SPECIFIC Transmittal of GRCROOND Contact Reports

Attached are the following GRCROOND Contact Reports

MAIM-110 - GRCROOND-4, 3 July 1956

MAIM-141 - GRCROOND 1 & 4, 21 December 1956

MAIM-142 - GRCROOND 1, 2 February 1957

Attachments:

1. MAIM-110
2. MAIM-141
3. MAIM-142

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MAIM-110

10 July 1956

MEMO TO: [ ]

FROM : [ ]

SUBJECT: GRCROOND 4 Contact Report - 3 July 1956

#### MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

1. As previously arranged (see MAIM-99), case officer met agent GRCROOND 4, at the Hauptbahnhof, Munich, at 0945, 3 July 1956. Agent had been requested to journey to Munich for purposes of undergoing a standard Code Aptitude Test and interview. Case officer was accompanied by [ ] MOB Commo, who had agreed to administer the examination. Testing and interview was conducted in an MOB operational apartment. Meeting ended at 1545 when [ ] and [ ] drove agent to the Hauptbahnhof where he entrained for Salzburg.

#### OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2. Agent's train arrived at 0940 and he was immediately spotted by case officer, who, introducing him to [ ] suggested that all three parties proceed to the safe-apartment, stopping enroute for coffee to refresh agent who had just had a long train ride at a very early hour. Following the coffee break and an informal discussion based on case officer's new diet and skiing experiences in Austria, agent was escorted to the apartment.

3. Case officer informed agent that the plan for the day would be as follows: (a) Full PRQ I, (b) Code Aptitude Test, (c) If test successful, explanation of requirement on agent's part, and (d) If agent agrees to requirement, the establishing of an oral agreement and the determining of future action.

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4. Agent answered all questions fully (PRQ I and II forwarded Headquarters) and then started on his test. Due to technical difficulties, [ ] was forced to return to MOB for replacement parts. Agent and case officer utilized the opportunity to have lunch at a local Gaststaette returning to the apartment at 1330 [ ] returning at 1430. The test was again resumed and upon completion, case officer graded agent's paper and found that of a possible score of 161, agent had achieved the surprising total of 159. [ ] asked case officer to inform agent that he [ ] would be happy to have him as a student.

5. Case officer then explained the essential principles of agent's proposed assignment. Agent was informed that he would be expected to operate a clandestine W/T set in the event of a Soviet occupation of Austria. He would also be expected to go on the air in the event of hostilities between the U.S.A and the Soviet Union, such hostilities taking cognizance of Austria's neutral status. It was explained that at the proper time agent would be put

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in contact with parties who would provide him with information to be en-ciphered and transmitted. Agent was made aware of the rigid training requirements and the fact that the training was definitely not a "fun" session but would entail many hours of hard and possibly tedious work. Agent stated that he was fully aware of the time requirement and would do his best to hurry the final session.

6. Case officer stated that it was our intention to take as much of agent's time as was possible and that we would expect him to devote the major part of the annual school vacations to our purposes. Agent stated that he would make the necessary arrangements.

7. Case officer and agent then discussed the Memorandum of Oral Agreement and after agreeing to all points therein, including KUBARK commitments, salary, etc. shook hands on the contract. The Memorandum of Oral Agreement has been forwarded to Headquarters.

8. Case officer and agent established a recognition signal which would be utilized in the event case officer met with a situation which would prevent his making personal contact with agent. Agent was informed that the following recognition signal would be used: Case officer - "Do you know Josef BRUNNER"; Agent - "I knew a Hermann BRUNNER"; Case officer - "That's the man, Josef Hermann BRUNNER". The preceding is to be said in German.

9. Since agent does not have a telephone, case officer agreed that contact could be made by mail if agent and case officer established a prior set of arrangements. All meetings will be held at 1830 in front of the Hauptpostamt, Salzburg, except where case officer indicates a different time and/or a different locale. Therefore, if case officer writes and says that he would like to see agent on a specific date, it is understood that he means on that date, 1830 in front of the Hauptpostamt. In the event agent has prior knowledge that he is unable to attend, he will write case officer care of a Munich post office box.

10. Agent signed a statement to the effect GRCROOND 1 is empowered to accept monies on his behalf and that GRCROOND 1's signature would be binding and legal. This statement has been turned over to MOB Finance and included in agent's file.

## SECURITY

11. No unusual conditions were experienced during the meeting with the exception of an interruption by an individual who rang the bell to the apartment and asked if case officer had any knives which needed sharpening. Case officer demurred and the party left the apartment.

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#### ADMINISTRATION

12. Agent received and receipted for DMW 21.00 (rail charge - Salzburg to Munich and return) and ANS 200.00 (reimbursement for time expended). The ANS 200.00 are in excess of the amount agent will receive when he embarks on training status but were offered on the basis of appearance, since a lesser amount would appear trivial. Agent is aware that he will be reimbursed at a level roughly equivalent to his occupational salary (ANS 2,400.00 per month) during training.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

13. Agent will report to Munich on 16 July 1956 to commence training. OA has been requested by cable reply and provisions have been made for a training site.

#### CASE OFFICER COMMENTS

14. Case officer as well as [ ] was impressed with agent's splendid showing on the aptitude test. In addition, agent displayed a quiet and business-like appreciation of the situation in which he had placed himself. No mention was made of the benefits to be derived from agent status, nor did GRCROOND 4 place any conditions on his participation in the project other than that he not be required to operate against the Austrian Republic in any manner. Case officer assured agent that if the Austrian Government remains democratic he need have no fears. Agent reacted with understanding to case officer's constant reminder that the effort would be a difficult and possibly tedious one. In conclusion, case officer feels that we have located the ideal man for the position and trusts that the future will bear him out.

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6 February 1957

GRCHOOND 1 and 4 Contact Report

TO : COS, Vienna

FROM: [ ]

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
1. MEETING:	Fri 21 Dec 56	2000-2230	Salzburg, Peterskeller
2. NEXT MEETING:	Fri 1 Feb 57 (C/O will write to confirm date and give time of meeting.)		Salzburg, Peterskeller

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. GRCHOOND-1 signed receipt (name of [ ] for ANS 3500. which covers July thru December 1956 salary @ ANS 500. per month plus an ANS 500. Christmas bonus. Case officer turned this ANS 3500. over to MOB Finance to hold as partial repayment of agent's debt. Agent borrowed ANS 75,000. from KUBARK in July 1953, and provided four ANS 15,000. and one ANS 5,000. checks (agent repaid ANS 10,000. in July 1953) as collateral. This ANS 65,000. debt has been reduced over the years through two methods: (1) Agent's ANS 500. monthly salary has not been paid to him but has been applied against the loan and (2) agent has occasionally given his case officer varying amounts of ANS to be applied also.

b. Paid to GRCHOOND-1 for transmittal to GRCHOOND-2, July through December 1956 salary @ ANS 200. per month plus ANS 200. Christmas bonus - total, ANS 1400. Obtained signed receipt from GRCHOOND-1.

c. Paid GRCHOOND-4, September through December 1956 salary @ ANS 500. per month plus ANS 500. Christmas bonus - total, ANS 2500. Obtained signed receipt from agent.

4. PRODUCTION; and/or topics discussed:

- a. Case officer introduction to GRCHOOND-1
- b. Discussion of GRCHOOND-4's future W/T training.

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5. OPERATIONAL:

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a. Case officer wrote to GRCROOND-4 a week before the intended meeting date, requesting agent contact GRCROOND-1, his group leader, and that the two agents attend a meeting with case officer in the Weinhaus Moser so GRCROOND-4 could introduce GRCROOND-1 to case officer. Case officer used an incorrect first name and therefore GRCROOND-4's brother received the letter. GRCROOND-4 denied to his brother being the intended recipient of the letter, but learned of the meeting place, date and case officer's Munich cover address given in the letter and replied to case officer, saying he and GRCROOND-1 could make the meeting but preferred the Peterskeller rather than the Weinhaus Moser.

b. Case officer arrived at the Peterskeller at 2000 Friday, 21 December, having parted from GRCROOND-4 a half hour earlier. GRCROOND-4 entered the Peterskeller alone at 2010 and joined case officer, explaining that GRCROOND-1 was not at home when he - GRCROOND-4 - had gone by to pick him up. GRCROOND-4 talked with case officer a few minutes, then left to check GRCROOND-1's home again. Ten minutes later he returned, saying GRCROOND-1 would join them shortly. Case officer and GRCROOND-4 discussed agent's ability to come to Munich for further W/T training while case officer had supper and GRCROOND-4 an after-supper snack. (GRCROOND-4 had 2½ weeks of W/T work in Munich last July - his first training session.)

c. GRCROOND-1 joined case officer and GRCROOND-4 twenty minutes later and was introduced to case officer. He started to converse with case officer in English, but case officer continued to reply in German and the conversation soon became entirely German. (Besides case officer's need and desire to speak the language, case officer felt it would have been both a minor security hazard - despite his obvious American-style German - and impolite to GRCROOND-4, who doesn't understand the language, to speak English.) Since the meeting was case officer's first with GRCROOND-1, it was more of a familiarization than operational session, and the topics of discussion were general in nature, with the Hungarian situation, and what might have been done there, occupying the spotlight.

d. After several quarter-liters of wine had been consumed, case officer and agents left the Peterskeller (GRCROOND-4 pushing his motor scooter) and walked to case officer's car parked three blocks away in front of the Cafe Tomaselli. There, case officer paid agents and said the next meeting would be about 1 February, but that he would write to give the exact date and time. GRCROOND-4 requested he be paid only at the end of each six months period and case officer agreed to it.

e. In the car, case officer brought the subject of GRCROOND-4's W/T training up again. GRCROOND-4 explained he had only the Easter holidays as free time between now and his summer vacation (he is a tradeschool instructor)

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and [former case officer) had said a week's training time was insufficient. It was decided that GRCROOND-4's summer vacation, starting in July, was the only time agent could take training. Case officer and agents parted at case officer's car; case officer returning to the Salzburg operational apartment and to Munich the next day.

6. PERSONAL:

a. GRCROOND-1 said he's busier than usual in his work now because his employer, the National Catholic Welfare Committee, has much to do with the Hungarian refugees.

b. When case officer asked how things were going in his work, GRCROOND-4 replied the students in his trade school are just like those portrayed in the film "The Blackboard Jungle" (a film featuring juvenile delinquents who carry switchblade knives), which he has seen and fully appreciated.

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GRCROOND-1 Contact Report

TO : COS, Vienna

FROM: [ ]

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
1. MEETING:	Sat 2 Feb 57	1100-1215	Salzburg, Peterskeller
2. NEXT MEETING:	Middle or end of March (C/O will write)		Salzburg

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. Agent signed receipt for January 1957 ANS 500. salary, but case officer did not turn money over to agent. This ANS 500. and ANS 1000. which agent gave case officer at this meeting will both go toward reducing agent's debt to KUBARK. (With this ANS 1500., debt is now reduced to ANS 31,000.) Case officer will turn the ANS 1500. total over to MOB Finance for safekeeping.

b. No payments were made to agent for transmittal to either GRCROOND-2 or 4.

4. PRODUCTION and/or Topics Discussed:

a. GRCROOND-2 to provide complete biographic info on four persons he has spotted.

b. GRCROOND-2 to submit a complete PHS on himself and a photo of his house.

c. Discussion of W/T training <sup>TIME</sup> available to GRCROOND-4.

d. Discussion of GRCROOND-1's KUBARK debt and its present status.

5. OPERATIONAL:

a. Case officer wrote to agent at beginning of the week, providing two dates for a meeting - Friday 1 February 1500, or Saturday 2 December, 1100 - and agent sent a postcard saying "Saturday is OK". Case officer and wife were in Salzburg overnight and Saturday morning, case officer drove to the Hauptpostamt, parked his car, and walked the two blocks to the Peterskeller. Case officer arrived at 1115, 15 minutes late, to find the Peterskeller temporarily closed for repairs and agent walking around the Platz outside the building. Case officer and agent joined forces, walked to the Clockenspiel Cafe on Mozart Platz, sat at an upstairs table, drank coffee, and discussed operational matters.

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b. Agent said he wondered if case officer had wanted GRCROOND-2 to also attend the meeting, although case officer had not said so in his letter; only that it was not necessary for GRCROOND-4 to attend. Case officer replied he did not; he would like to meet GRCROOND-2 next time, but this time he preferred to speak to agent alone. (At the last meeting with agent, case officer's first contact with him, agent was accompanied by GRCROOND-4, the group's W/T operator. GRCROOND-1 is the group leader of the largely potential Salzburg UW group (at present, three active agents) and as such, should occasionally be consulted alone by case officer.)

c. Case officer asked agent to have GRCROOND-2 obtain complete biographic info on the four persons (ZEHEITNER, ZELLER, BEHNSKY and SCHNEEWEISS) whose names he gave to [redacted] for former Case Officer, last May. Agent said he would have GRCROOND-2 do so and make them available at the next meeting. Case officer also asked for GRCROOND-2's complete PHS and photograph of his house which [redacted] had also requested last May. Agent said he had the photo of GRCROOND-2's house in his possession and would drop it in an envelope and mail to case officer from Freilassing, across the border from Salzburg. He will have GRCROOND-2 fill out and provide him with the PHS.

d. Case officer reviewed agent's KUBARK financial matters briefly to see whether agent agreed with case officer's figures. As [redacted] had stated in his last GRCROOND-1 Contact Report of 30 May 1956, agent owed KUBARK ANS 36,000. (from an original ANS 75,000. debt) as of that date. Agent questioned this ANS 36,000. figure, saying he thought it was ANS 32,000. Case officer said he would check his figures over again and requested agent to also make a check, then the matter will be discussed once again at the next meeting.

e. The question of GRCROOND-4's availability for more W/T training was brought up by case officer. Agent explained that GRCROOND-4 would have ten days of vacation during the Easter holidays, but of this time, two days at the beginning must be used by instructors to grade work and do other administrative work and the last two days are spent in preparing for the resumption of classes. This would leave GRCROOND-4 only six days in which to receive training; not enough time, in agent's opinion. Case officer agreed, but stated once GRCROOND-4 had received another three weeks' training, he would be a qualified W/T operator, and refresher training sessions, to be held every six months, need be only a week long. Therefore, case officer explained, after GRCROOND-4's three weeks training next summer, we should be able to utilize either the Christmas or Easter holidays to give GRCROOND-4 one week refresher sessions.

f. Case officer and agent talked about the letter case officer had sent to GRCROOND-4 in December, requesting a meeting. (As reported in the 21 December Contact Report, case officer had sent a letter to GRCROOND-4 with an incorrect first name and address on the envelope.) As agent explained, the letter eventually

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reached GRCROOND-4's brother who asked GRCROOND-4 if the letter was intended for him. GRCROOND-4 said no, but nevertheless obtained the meeting date, time, place, and case officer's Munich cover address from the letter. Since no one among GRCROOND-4's family - he has eight brothers - claimed the letter, GRCROOND-4's brother returned the letter to Munich. (Case officer's cover address was not on the envelope, but was inside, and since the brother didn't place this address on the envelope when he returned it, the letter was opened by the Munich Oberpost-direktion in order to discover the sender's address. Case officer received the letter back in his postbox about ten days after he had mailed it. Although there was nothing incriminating in the letter - GRCROOND-4's name was not used in the heading and GRCROOND-1 was referred to only by initial - case officer now has another reason for discarding his present cover post office box. The first reason for doing so is the length of time - at least 1½ years - that this particular box has been used.)

g. Case officer and agent exchanged telephone numbers at case officer's request. Case officer providing his emergency Munich number and the name [ ] to be used with it.

h. Agent was asked whether he had spotted anyone who may be used in his group when the need arises. Agent said no, but he would renew his search for someone. (Case officer believes some additional people should be spotted for this group and this is one of the things which GRCROOND-1 should do.)

i. Case officer inquired as to the location of the Hoellbraeu where agent and [ ] had met occasionally. Agent said he would show case officer, so both left the Glockenspiel Cafe and walked around the corner where the Hoellbraeu is located. From the outside, agent pointed out a good table at which to sit, and it was tentatively agreed to meet at the Hoellbraeu next time. As for meeting places, agent said he is too well known in the Weinhaus Moser to meet there and the Peterskeller in the summer is too crowded with tourists to be certain of finding a table.

j. Case officer said he was to meet his wife in the Cafe Tomaselli, so agent said he would walk case officer down the street in that direction. Case officer and agent parted in front of a store belonging to one of agent's friends, case officer saying he would write to agent and set a definite meeting date for sometime in the middle or end of March.

6. PERSONAL:

The meeting was a relaxed one and no attempt was made by agent to speak English as at the last meeting. Agent looks like a farmer in town for the day - hair long and over the ears and unpressed clothes - and wears the local costume of green-piped gray jacket and trousers.

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